Sl. No.	State	Towns Covered	C.A. Released	Expenditure Reported
25	Tripura	13	485.21	484.27
26	Uttaranchal	6	342.00	113.32
27	Uttar Pradesh	116	4421.62	5145.72
28	West Bengal	82	3557.54	4998.62
29	A&N Islands	1	92.00	124.00
30	D&N Haveli	2	112.22	16.38
31	Daman & Diu	1	23.00	0.00
32	Lakshadweep	1	25.00	0.00
33	Pondicherry	7	240.75	159.55
	GRAND TOTAL:	1213	54076.80	72527.54

Separate authority for conservation of water bodies

2045. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any separate authority has been constituted for conservation and management of all water bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how the need to conserve lakhs of ponds etc. would be taken care of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) A National River Conservation Authority exists under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to finalise the policy framework and oversee the implementation of conservation and management plans of rivers and lakes. A Water Quality Assessment Authority has been constituted under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act,1986 in May, 2001 with Secretary of the Ministry of Environment & Forests as Chairman for water quality management of surface and ground water bodies. A National River Conservation Plan is under implementation for conservation and pollution

abatement of polluted rivers. Under this Plan, conservation and pollution abatement works have been approved in 153 towns along the polluted stretches of 28 rivers in 17 States. The estimated cost of these works is Rs.3343 crore against which Central grants amounting to Rs.1068 crore have been released so far. Conservation and management of rivers is one of the monitorable targets under the Tenth Plan. For conservation and management of lakes, a National Lake Conservation Plan is under implementation. Under this scheme, plans for conservation and management of 7 urban polluted lakes, have been approved at an estimated cost of Rs.27.22 crore. These projects are under implementation and Central grants amounting to Rs.9.79 crore have been released to the State Governments concerned so far.

Construction of Connaught Place-Dwarka Corridor of MRTS

2046. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1628 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March,2002 and state:

(a) whether the project relating to the construction of metro-rail in the Barakhamba Road-Connaught Place-Dwarka Corridor has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the acquisition of the required land for the project and its estimated cost; and

(c) by when the work on this section is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The proposal for this corridor to be included in phase I of Delhi MRTS has been approved.

(b)	(i)	Length of corridor	-	23.16km.
	(ii)	No. of stations	-	22
	(iii)	Estimated cost (excluding taxes & duties)	-	Rs.2,700 crores (at April, 2001 prices level)

(iv) Requirement of land as per the Detailed Project Report is 112.67 ha.